

D<sup>1</sup>  
(cont.) wherein only said at least one of said areas storing ink is provided with said ink supply port and said ink absorbing member.

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16. (Twice Amended) An ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus, comprising:

a container body having an ink absorbing member for absorbing ink in an ink chamber;

D<sup>2</sup> ink supply ports which communicate said ink chamber to a recording head;

wherein an internal space of said container body is divided into a first divided chamber and a second divided chamber by an area wall parallel to an ink supply ports arrangement direction, said first divided chamber being isolated from said second divided chamber by said area wall,

wherein said first divided chamber is further divided into areas by chamber walls perpendicular to said area wall, and each of said areas is provided with one of said ink supply ports,

wherein said second divided chamber contains one of reserve ink and maintenance liquid, and

wherein said reserve ink is supplied to said recording head or said maintenance liquid is used during a maintenance operation of said recording head.

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D<sup>3</sup> 19. (Twice Amended) An ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus, comprising:

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a container body installed in a holder of the ink jet recording apparatus having an ink absorbing member for absorbing ink in an ink chamber;

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an ink supply port which communicates said ink chamber to a recording head, wherein said ink supply port is formed on a bottom wall of said container body;

a concave portion formed on a side wall of said container body and extending from the bottom wall of said container body, wherein said concave portion protrudes into said ink chamber; and

a wall partitioning said ink chamber, wherein said wall is positioned inside of the side wall in contact with the holder.

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26. (Twice Amended) An ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus comprising:

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a container body having a first side wall and a bottom wall, wherein where the first side wall and the bottom wall join, a protruding portion is formed to protrude into said container body;

an ink absorbing member for absorbing ink is housed in an ink chamber;

an ink supply port which communicates said ink chamber to a recording head, wherein said ink supply port is formed on the bottom wall; and

a lid member sealing an opening portion of said container body.

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33. (Twice Amended) The ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 14, wherein at least one of said areas storing ink is provided with said ink supply port, and a storage device storing information regarding an ink stored amount is attached so as to be readable by a recording apparatus.

35. (Twice Amended) The ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein a storage device storing information regarding an ink stored amount is attached so as to be readable by a recording apparatus.

45. (Once Amended) An ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus comprising:  
a container body having an ink chamber;  
an ink supply port which communicates said ink chamber to a recording head;  
the internal space of said container body divided into a plurality of areas by walls; and  
a storage device storing information regarding an ink stored amount is attached so as to be readable by a recording apparatus,

wherein at least one of said areas stores ink and at least another one of said areas is isolated from and does not store the ink, and

wherein only said at least one of said areas storing ink is provided with said ink supply port.

46. (Once Amended) An ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus comprising:

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a container body installed in a holder of the ink jet recording apparatus having an ink chamber;

an ink supply port which communicates said ink chamber to a recording head;

a concave portion formed on a side wall of said container body and extending from the bottom wall of said container body, wherein said concave portion protrudes into said ink chamber; and

a wall partitioning said ink chamber positioned inside a side portion in contact with said holder;

wherein a storage device storing information regarding an ink stored amount is attached so as to be readable by a recording apparatus.

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**Please add the following new claims:**

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47. (New) An ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus, comprising:  
a container body installed in a holder of the ink jet recording apparatus having an ink absorbing member for absorbing ink in an ink chamber;

an ink supply port which communicates said ink chamber to a recording head, wherein said ink supply port is formed on a bottom wall of said container body;

a first concave portion formed on a first side wall of said container body to protrude into said ink chamber;

a second concave portion formed on a second side wall of said container body to protrude into said ink chamber; and

a wall partitioning said ink chamber,

wherein said wall is positioned inside of the side wall in contact with the holder, and

wherein said first side wall and said second side wall oppose one another.

48. (New) The ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus, according to claim 16, wherein each chamber is supplied with at least one ink supply port.

49. (New) The ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus, according to claim 16, wherein said reserve ink is supplied to said recording head by re-inserting the ink cartridge into the ink jet recording apparatus in a second direction, said second direction is different from a first direction in which the ink cartridge is inserted into the ink jet recording apparatus to supply said ink to said recording head.

50. (New) The ink cartridge for use in an ink jet recording apparatus, according to claim 16, wherein said second direction is opposite to said first direction.

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